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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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AMEMBASSY WARSAW

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 6779

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, LA

SUBJECT: ICC AND POW EXCHANGE

1. POLISH COMMISSIONER HAS ASKED WHETHER U.S. BELIEVES ICC SHOULD OBSERVE POW EXCHANGE NOW SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 19. HE NOTED THAT ICC HAS BEEN INVITED BY BOTH LAO SIDES BUT QUESTIONED WHETHER IN OUR VIEW ICC COULD TAKE ANY ACTION IN THE ABSENCE OF CANADIAN DELEGATION.

2. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT IN HIS VIEW OBSERVATION OF PRISONER EXCHANGE DID NOT CONSTITUTE QTE ACTION UNQTE AND THAT AS FAR AS U.S. EMBASSY WAS CONCERNED, ICC REPS SHOULD ACCEPT THE INVITATION OF THE LAO PARTIES. INVESTIGATORY ACTIVITY BY THE ICC WITHOUT CANADIAN PARTICIPATION WOULD BE ANOTHER QUESTION BUT THE ROLE ENVISAGED FOR THE ICC ON SEPTEMBER 19 SHOULD
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PRESENT NO PROBLEM.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH INDIAN REP TO ICC,
AMBASSADOR GHAREKHAN, AND CHIEF VIETIANE SIDE REP
TO JCCIA, SOUKAN VILAYSARN, DCM SAID WE HAD NOTED
PARTICIPATION OF ICC IN AGREED PROCEDURES ON POW
EXCHANGES AND TRUSTED THERE WAS NO PROBLEM IN THIS
RESPECT. THEY DID NOT DEMUR; SOUKAN ONLY COMMENTED
THAT THEY HAD ALSO REQUESTED PARTICIPATION OF
INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS BUT HAD YET RECEIVED NO REPLY.
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